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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was mild, with average temperatures considerably above normal over the western portion of the State and slightly above in the east. There was practically no precipitation.

CROPS Reports from some counties indicate considerable concern as to the outcome of winter wheat covered by standing water in the low places. In contrast to this, is the damage from blowing and dry surface soil in the southern Panhandle and southwestern areas. An example of the two extremes is a report from Kimball County, stating that in the southwestern portion of that county, some of the crowns of wheat are uncovered to depths ranging from a half inch to one inch, while York County reports standing water in low places ranging from one acre to twenty acres in some places. In Antelope County, typical for much of northeastern Nebraska, where the heavy snow melted and packed forming a rather crumbly, icy snow, there is some concern as to possible damage to alfalfa and sweet clover. On the other hand, much of the wheat is greening up nicely in the South Platte area and the present outlook is good in those counties having adequate moisture.

Except in the southern Panhandle and southwestern counties, farm work is at a standstill because of wet fields. Many of the side roads are impassable. In the areas covered by snow, most of the winter, there was very little frost in the ground. As a result, more of the water from the snow is being absorbed. This is especially the situation in northeastern Nebraska where much of the snow has not melted yet.

Considerable of the corn is still unhusked in the northeastern quarter of the State. Much of the corn that was not husked prior to November 18 is still covered by snow, so that farmers were unable to complete the harvest. After the snow melts and the surface dries sufficiently to husk corn, it will be time to seed oats. Muddy roads have made it extremely difficult for tenants moving to new locations.

LIVESTOCK Favorable weather in the eastern half of the State for the past three weeks has given livestock a break. Most of the pasture and range are now open except northeastern Nebraska. There are a number of reports of losses of calves, varying from slight to heavy loss, depending on the care given the cows, especially through the blizzard.

The supply of grain and concentrates has been ample. While hay supply is still short, the larger number of farmers think that the supply may be ample. There is a reduced demand for hay at the prevailing high prices. Most of the range was reported short, but was open furnishing much of the required forage. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.)

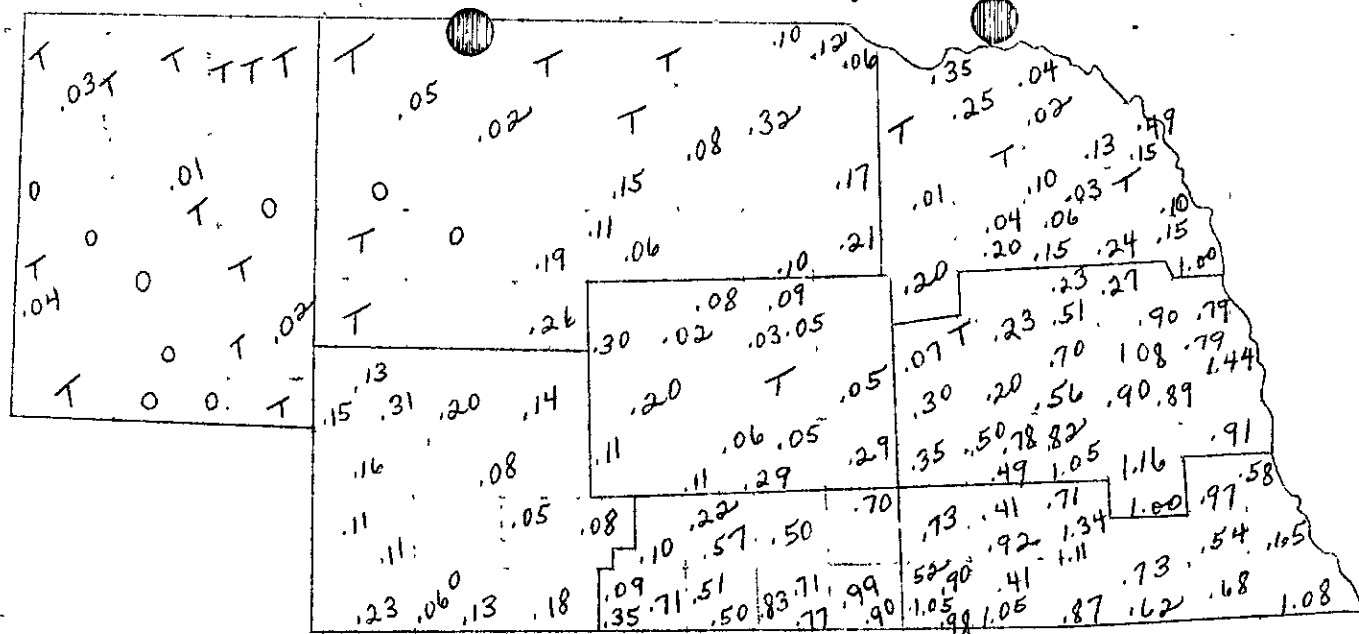
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1949

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3-8-49
Eastern Division
Grand Island 0
Lincoln 0
Norfolk 0
Omaha 0
Sioux City 0

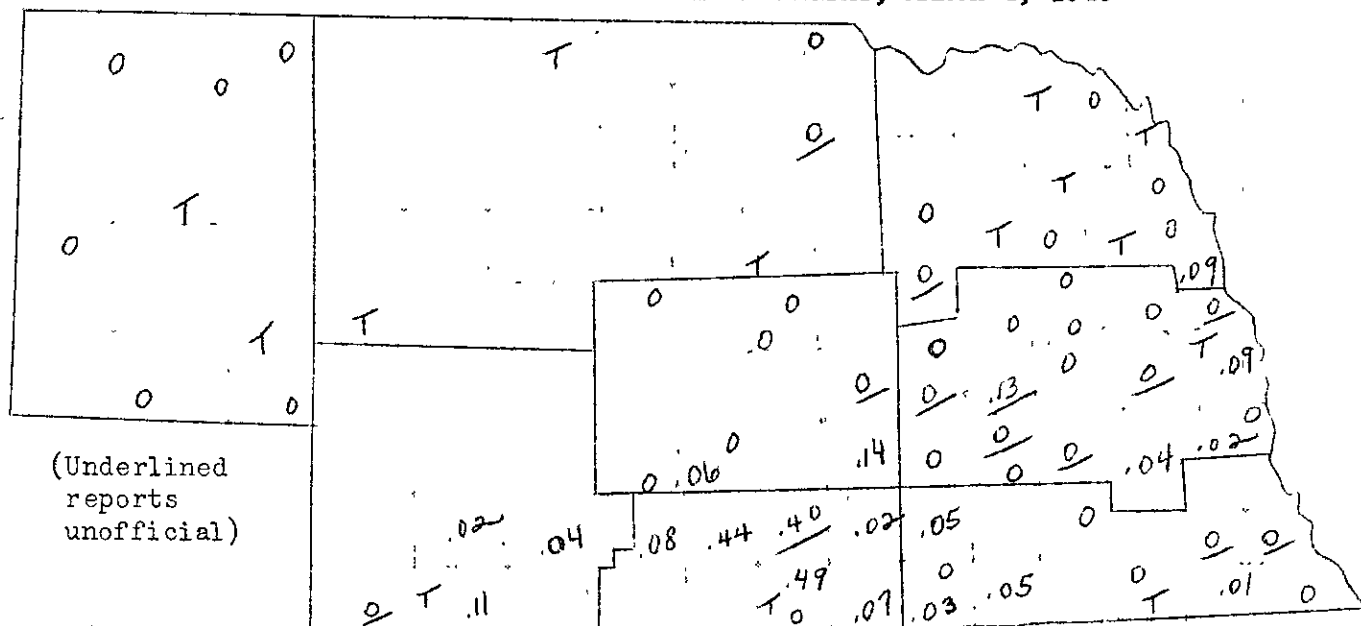
Central Division
Burwell 0
North Platte 0
Valentine 0

Western Division
Chadron 0
Hayes Center .02
Scottsbluff 0
Sidney 0

PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1949



PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1949



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		March		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	46	30	50	23	58	34	56	29	58	25	54	31	54	40		
	Scottsbluff	49	28	47	20	57	24	59	27	63	26	58	27	55	31		
	Sidney	42	28	41	21	60	24	61	28	65	28	58	25	--	28		
N-C	Burwell	32	27	38	26	53	27	62	26	63	25	50	31	45	30		
	Valentine	42	29	43	25	56	34	60	28	61	27	49	34	49	36		
NE	Norfolk	27	20	34	29	42	28	38	28	50	28	37	32	38	30		
	Sioux City	27	18	36	30	42	29	38	30	53	31	41	32	38	27		
Cen.	Grand Island	29	23	36	31	45	31	45	30	63	34	51	33	45	31		
	Lincoln	28	22	36	29	42	34	46	35	59	37	48	32	43	31		
E-C	Omaha	27	18	37	30	44	32	42	31	57	33	47	31	41	29		
	Hayes Center	36	26	32	25	55	24	65	34	68	32	60	30	54	33		
SW	North Platte	35	27	33	25	55	27	64	26	66	27	59	28	53	34		